

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of April 7, 2004, the specification has been amended, particularly pages 1, 3 and 4 thereof.

Applicant notes that although the Examiner additionally objected to Claim 23 of the above application "under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim," claims 20 – 22, from which claim 23 depends, **were revised in applicant's preliminary amendment of January 23, 2002 to no longer depend from multiple claims.** As such, multiple dependent claim 23 does not depend from any other multiple dependent claims, and has not been amended further.

For all of the above reasons, the application is allowable and allowance hereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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